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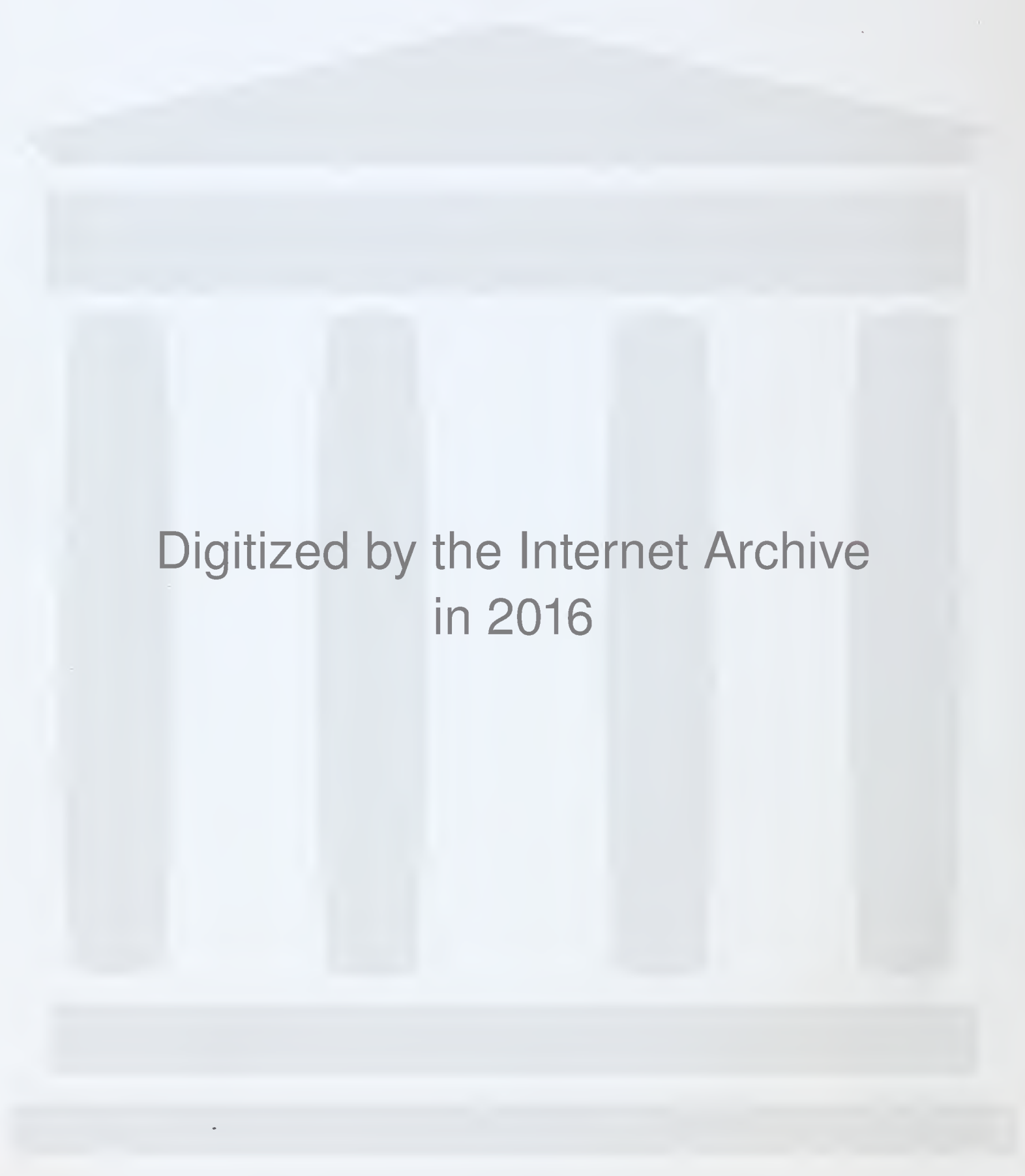
Dear Sir:

The conduct of the war and, in fact, the very future of America, are dependent, not only upon the election of a war Congress that will enact necessary laws, but upon the presence in the National Legislature of men of vision, ability and broad experience, who are the best qualified of our citizenship to correctly solve the great internal and international questions which will come before the next Congress.

The National Security League, pursuant to unanimous action of its Executive Committee, has taken upon itself the grave duty of impressing these matters upon you and asking you to pledge your service for prompt action to prevent disaster which might follow the election of incompetent or disloyal men to Congress. This can be prevented through definite and concerted action on the part of loyal citizens who are in the vast majority. Neglect and indifference may prove fatal.

The remedy is for everyone to assume the personal obligation of speaking with, or writing without delay to, political leaders, newspaper men and others who form public opinion in their Congressional Districts. Make them realize sharply that the need of the nation is the election of men of absolute and unconditional loyalty who are determined to prosecute the war to victory and who possess the strength of character and unquestioned ability to be of real service to the country in this crisis. The problems before the nation are such as to try the very souls of the best men that we can elect.

The people of your district will undoubtedly take the right stand if awakened to the political



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situation in time to secure the highest type of candidates to vote for in the primaries. Every citizen can directly influence results to that end, and we earnestly hope that you will recognize the responsibility of so doing.

This letter is being sent to prominent persons generally throughout the United States and has no relation to the merits or demerits of any particular Representative, nor is it a criticism of the present Congress which has done loyal and patriotic work. We will be very glad to learn from you your view of the situation, and whether you will enter upon the work with enthusiasm. We will take pleasure in forwarding to you additional copies of this letter for distribution if you desire the same.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE

Franklin D. Huntington

Secretary

EXTRACT FROM MR. ROOT'S ADDRESS AT
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE HELD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th, 1918

We are going to elect a Congress this coming fall. There is one great single predominant qualification for an election to that Congress, and that is a loyal heart. (Applause).

I don't care whether a man is a Democrat or a Republican or a Progressive or a Socialist or a Prohibitionist, or whatnot, he must have a loyal heart, or it is treason to send him to Congress. (Applause). There are probably from twenty to thirty Congressional districts in this country where there is a loyal majority but where there is so large a disloyal minority that a division of the loyal majority may let a pro-German in. In every one of those districts, Democrats and Republicans and all loyal men should get together, and agree upon the loyal man of one party or the other who is the surest to carry the district, and all unite on him without regard to party. (Applause).

Any man who would not accept the idea and follow it, I would want to live a hundred years to vote and work against. (Applause). Human nature has not changed. There are going to be parties, going to be politics hereafter; but now they are subordinate, they are unimportant. The one thing only is to win the war, and put men in Congress who will represent the driving power of the American people; the driving power that is behind Congress, that is behind the Administration, and that, God grant, may make itself felt behind the men who are pattering over contracts and lingering on the road to victory. (Applause).

The great thing is to make Germany feel that the hundred millions of America are going, as one man, to beat them (applause), to make every American feel that all the rest of the hundred millions are with him in his mightiest efforts to beat the German. (Applause.)

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